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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-1185-C - ORDER NO. 96-187 ✓
MARCH 13, 1996

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER
Inc. to Detariff ESSX Service.) GRANTING
) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) for an extension of time in which to file briefs in this case. AT&T duly noted that pursuant to S.C. Code Code of Regulations 103-875, the presiding officer shall fix the time for the filing and service of briefs in any manner heard by the Commission, unless the presiding officer prescribes the filing schedule, the briefs shall be due thirty (30) days from the close of the hearing. Accordingly, in the present matter, the General Counsel for the Commission duly notified the counsel of record that briefs are due March 22, 1996, which is a date thirty (30) days after the close of the hearing on February 21, 1996.

AT&T states its belief that the volume of work, and the priority of the work of the court reporters from the Commission will not permit transcripts of the proceedings to be available until on or after the due date of the briefs. The estimated

availability date of the transcripts is April 1, 1996. AT&T asserts that the availability of the transcript is necessary for the preparation of its brief, and therefore, thirty (30) days from the close of the hearing does not provide an adequate time for brief preparation in this case. Because of the reasoning, AT&T requests that the Commission fix the time for filing briefs at twenty (20) days from receipt of the transcript. Further, in order to avoid confusion among the parties should counsel receive their copies of the transcript on different days, the date of receipt by AT&T shall, under AT&T's plan, be the date from which the due date for briefs is measured, and, in connection therewith, AT&T shall be responsible for promptly notifying all counsel of record of the date on which it received its copy of the transcript.

AT&T has conferred with counsel for the parties who actively participated in the proceeding, and no one objects to this request or to this procedure. We therefore agree that the proposed request is a reasonable one.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

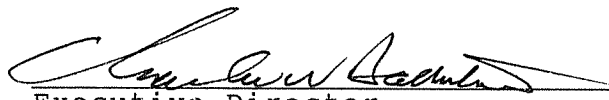
1. Briefs shall be due twenty (20) days from receipt of the transcript in this matter by AT&T.
2. AT&T shall notify the parties as to its date of receipt of the transcript.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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